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Amy Gibson to Fanny Jones, 8 March 1896

Greenstead

March 8<sup>th</sup>

My dear Fanny,

I am truly sorry to hear the sad news contained in your letter, poor little girl she must have been a great sufferer for one so young, you will miss her very much. She was just the age to become companionable. I am sincerely sorry for her parents for however many they may have the one that is taken is sadly missed, poor George the news must have been a great shock to him & he would feel it so much more being so far from home & having to bear his sorrow alone there is nothing like sympathy when one is in trouble.

I must now tell you of all our troubles Ted has been very seriously ill with congestion of the Lungs he is now better but mending very slowly he has gone to a shadow, the doctor is to see him today to let him know when he can go away for a change, I also have been confined to the house with a bad attack of bronchitis for the last six weeks & have not been able to sleep unless propped up by pillows, I went last week to Mount Victoria to see what change of air would do but had to return home after a few days as I got so much worse, I have been under the doctor but got no benefit from his treatment so am now doctoring myself. I use an Inhaler twice a day 10 drops of Creosote in boiling water & I am feeling much better, the whole of this summer I have not known what it is to feel well, fortunately for me I have a good husband, he was so kind to Ted during his illness. He was as good as a brother to Clara for I was unable to leave the house to assist her in any way — I wish you could dispose of your house for it must be most uncomfortable for you & your Husband living so far apart.

I must conclude this very miserable letter with our best love to you and your dear Mother.

Believe me dear Fanny

Yours affectionately

Amy